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SUBJECT: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY KENYAN GOVERNMENT

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1. SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA (GOK) DOES IMPOSE EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN COMMODITIES. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NORMALLY UTILIZED FOR PURPOSES OF STOPPING THE EXPORT OF ANY COMMODITY IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE COUNTRY OR FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES. EXPORT LICENSES ARE ALWAYS REQUIRED FOR ANY EXPORT FROM KENYA, END SUMMARY.
2. THE GOK HAS IN THE PAST PROHIBITED EXPORT OF COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY FOOD STUFFS, THAT ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY LOCALLY. THE NORMAL MEANS FOR PROHIBITING EXPORT IS TO CANCEL EXISTING EXPORT LICENSES AND NOT ISSUE ANY NEW ONES RATHER THAN PASSING ANY NEW LEGISLATION. AS A RESULT, IT IS DIFFICULT IN MANY CASES TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHEN A RESTRICTION CAME INTO BEING. EXPORT LICENSES ARE EITHER ISSUED DIRECTLY BY THE GOK OR BY A STATUTORY BODY/PARA-STATAL CORPORATION OWNED BY THE GOK.
3. THE GOK CONTROLS, OR PROHIBITS, THE EXPORT OF THE

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FOLLOWING COMMODITIES:

- A) SUGAR. NOT EXPORTED DUE TO CRITICAL SHORTAGE. NO EXPORT LICENSES ARE GRANTED.
- B) CHARCOAL. NOT EXPORTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1975. EXPORT LICENSES CANCELLED. MEASURE TAKEN BY GOK TO PRESERVE FOREST RESOURCES.
- C) MAIZE. NOT EXPORTED WHEN IN SHORT SUPPLY LOCALLY. LAST EXPORTS WERE IN 1973. CONTROLLED BY THE MAIZE AND PRODUCE BOARD.
- D) MEAT. IS EXPORTED BUT ONLY WITH LICENSE ISSUED BY KENYA MEAT COMMISSION.
- E) COFFEE. NOT PRIVATE EXPORT LICENSES ARE ISSUED. ALL COFFEE IS MARKETED BY THE KENYA COFFEE BOARD.
- F) SISAL. IS EXPORTED BY PRIVATE FIRMS UNDER LICENSE ISSUED BY SISAL BOARD.
- G) IVORY. BAN WAS PLACED ON EXPORT OF RAW IVORY ON AUGUST 20, 1975 BY GOK. IVORY FABRICATED INTO JEWELRY STILL LEGAL BUT CONTROLLED. MEASURE TAKEN FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PURPOSES.
- H. RICE. EXPORT PROHIBITED BECAUSE OF LOCAL SHORTAGES.
- I) WHEAT. EXPORT PRESENTLY PROHIBITED DUE TO LOCAL SHORTAGES. HAS BEEN EXPORTED IN THE PAST.

4. ALL EXPORTERS FROM KENYA ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS AN APPROVED EXPORTER ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA. THIS RESTRICTION IS DESIGNED MORE TO CONTROL, AND ENSURE, FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMING IN TO KENYA RATHER THAN AS AN EXPORT CONTROL MEASURE.

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